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#### John Skelton Williams and the New Banking Law.

If JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS, DOW Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, system, there must be a superabun- with some conciliatory attractions. dance of material for membership in for place on the Federal Reserve Board principle. are superior to any claims which may be urged in Mr. WILLIAMS's behalf, and we are persuaded that the reluctance of national banks which are apply ing for admission to the Federal reserve system under the drastic compulsions of the new law will be increased by the proposal of Mr. WILLIAMS to be one of their overlords.

If politics has been played to pro mote Mr. WILLIAMS's candidacy we to the Federal Reserve Board require ments. If politics has not been played. what is to be made of all the months of rumor which have steadily swelled out into the present fact of his nomination? What also is to be made of the was subjected in its provisions respect ing the Comptroller of the Currency?

As the currency bill read when it was introduced last June it provided that the Comptroller of the Currency should be one of three men who were to go on the Federal Reserve Board by right of Federal office. The House kept this provision in the hill; but the Senate changed it so that the Secretary some quarter was exerted whe the bill was in conference between the House and Senate, and in the act as it went on the statute books the Comptroller of the Currency was restored to Federal Reserve Board membership.

Meanwhile it is interesting to note that the House bill provided that the remain an independent fiscal officer. The Senate altered the terms of the bill so as to make the Comptroller the Treasury, and the Senate provision until now attempted to fill the Comptroller's office.

suggest that the Comptrollership has human calling. ideal of Federal Reserve Board mem-cheaply handled. bership.

ers of that board are so awful and so no man should accept them save under port of New York. the highest sense of devotion to the public service. Such acceptance would be incompatible with even tacit assent to An Ultimatum From the Panhandle anything resembling plotting for Fed- The foremost champion of immediate

from the political minority.

Among other things it has been said be granted a continuance. It is better DERE REVERIDGE and Honest Tom, the were to be the slightest collision these tinder that his nomination would surely pro- to apply the remedy now than to per- new Nebraskan zealot is more of a box cars would crumple like so much cardvoke inquiry to ascertain the truth of mit the disease to run on."

if Mr. WILLIAMS were named for Comp-

Entered at the Post Office at New York as Second entity which is alleged to be felt and immense stretches of desert.

2 50 which would carry at once the general drastic anti-trust legislation and will THE EVENING SUN (Foreign). Per Month. 1 03 approval of the public, the taste of the give business no grace, no respite, no Williams nomination might be forgot- breathing spell? ten.

ment of Mr. WILLIAMS looks like a lieve that his constituents in Jeff Davis. mistake. If the Administration re-gards Mr. Williams as fit for the Winkler, to name a few of the outdoor his eyes open? Will be then repeat President and Treasurer, William C. Reick, 170 Federal Reserve Board it was not counties in his district, agree with him Nassaustreet; Vice-President, Edward P. Mitchell. necessary to name him for the Compton man; but that there is unanimity board only because he may have cer- "new freedom" in the busy manufac-London office, Effingham House, I Arundel tain qualifications for the office of turing city and railroad centre of El do Representative SMITH some good to Comptroller or because he wants to be or some one else wants him to be Comptroller, he is not a big enough man for the board.

If a fight to prevent his confirmation is now waged in the Senate, that establishment of the new banking sys- pected. Even a dictator must have tem under conditions propitious for its success. It may be taken to measure an attitude by the Administration toward the bankers of the country in ting it-in this case not a very sure are without in a withering gale watchis a fit man for Comptroller of the Currelation to the Federal reserve sysrency and so for a place on the Federal tem which fails adequately to appre-Reserve Board which is to manage the clate the desirability of supplementing country's new banking and currency the coercions of the Federal reserve act the exportation of gold. He may suc-

The situation might have a differthat omnipotent body. Despite President aspect if any principle were indent Wilson's nomination of Mr. Will- voived in the nomination of Mr. IAMS for Comptroller THE SUN remains WILLIAMS, but so far as we can see of the opinion that the qualifications it is characterized by total lack of

#### From 1896 to 1913.

The law under which ARTHUR A. cepted a contribution from a corporasubmit that he does not measure up far the country has travelled toward a new standard in this matter is shown by the fact that in 1896 such contributions were openly made and their donors were applauded for their patriotism by those of their political prohibited; in seventeen years the man who accepts such a gift is before the court for sentence.

The District Attorney joined in the request for a suspension of sentence, same now. After HUERTA, what? which seems reasonable and proper in ury of the provisional Government a custom as old as his party; the prohibitory section of the law was a dead letter for seven years; nobody will quarrel with the disposition of the acof the Treasury was to be the only cused. But the law has been made to official member of the board. Pressure live by this prosecution and it will ereafter be ignored by political col lectors at their peril.

# Let the Government Do Its Share.

When Mayor MITCHEL and his assodevelopment of New York harbor they were the representatives not only of wholly subordinate to the Secretary of the people of the city but of the whole manufacturing and mercantile comwas retained in the act. Meanwhile munity that ships and receives its raw also it is to the point of the present discussion that President Wilson has not this port. They spoke for no one city or State, but for a great territory of diversified industries supporting a There is enough in this record to mighty population engaged in every

been held open for Secretary McADOO'S Nor did they ask the Government subordinate, John Skelton Williams, to act without cooperation. They ex-It is enough to suggest further that a plained the vast projects undertaken campaign has been waged for months by the city and by the transportation in the interest of Mr. WILLIAMS's ele- corporations serving it, by which this Further Notes on "The Conspiracy." vation to the Federal Reserve Board by port is to be rendered more convenient the route of the Comptrollership. Such to the public and its waterborne coma suggestion is in violent hostility to the merce is to be more expeditiously and

The city is doing its share; the rail The duties, responsibilities and pow- roads are doing their part; the States will contribute their portion; let the extensive, so freighted with happiness United States Government now do all or disaster to the whole country, that it should for the bettering of the

eral Reserve Board place, and it is and radical anti-trust legislation by history of political demonology full hardly likely that Mr. WILLIAMS can Congress is Representative WILLIAM have been ignorant of the Washington Robert Smith of Texas, who also poses rumors of the last half year which cir- as a friend of business, kindly if severe. culated in coincidence with the legis- In the present reluctance to invest lative juggling that went on to insert capital Mr. Smith sees only "a natural the Comptroller of the Currency into hesitation necessary for a proper lesser lights often declared that they adjustment of business to the new con-However that may be, the interests ditions of freedom." He admits that it remained for the Armageddon Milof the country are not clearly sub- tariff and currency legislation have had ton to visualize the whole hideous served by John Skelton Williams's the effect of checking enterprise, but in hierarchy with much greater fervor nomination. In recent weeks indica- his judgment the "new freedom" is not than that other deep student and poet tions have been furnished that his nom- yet consummated, and must be. "It of the underworld, Honest Tom LAW ination would precipitate a fight in the is better for the country," he says, son, the State street Dante. Senate to prevent its confirmation, and | "that business should mark time a lit- But we are straying from the Hon. the indications have not come wholly the while longer, if need be, than that DAN V. STEPHENS and his visions of the corporate monopoly interests should "the interests." Unlike Prince Belve-Among other things it has been said be granted a continuance. It is better DERE BEVERIDGE and Honest Tom, the

reports that he harbored grudges! No rest for business; let it mark interests" through the medium of pure against certain financial interests, time! Such is the ultimatum of thought, a sort of political Swedenborg. grudges which might be hard to recon- SMITH of Texas, whose opinion of bust- Indeed, he endows the money devil effe with the tremendous powers of the ness on any large scale is so bad that with the capacity to enter right into dual functions of the Comptroller of perhaps only the lockstep for corpora- the affectionate chambers of Demothe Currency under the new law. It tions would suit him. It is natural cratic brotherhood; has also been asserted that the recent to inquire how the Hon. WILLIAM ROB- "If Mr. BRYAN were set aside Mr. WIL-Munsey-United States Trust Company ERT SMITH comes to be an authority son could not hope to obtain the support sime than radium.

provoke bitter Senatorial controversy the distinction of representing fiftyseven countles in western Texas and the Panhandle, including the Staked A token of the kind of contest which Plain, the Sierra Diablo, Twin Buttes, may result from the submission of his Buffalo Gap, Goat Mountain, Paintname is furnished by the apparent pur- rock, Wild Horse; alkali flats, dry misled by these things. It proves that he pose of his advocates to capitalize the lakes and water holes, all on the map,

toward him by some interests in the Much of the landscape in the Trust financial community. Assuming his Killer's district consists of mirages, and we are chagrined to hear him boldly exconfirmation, what is likely to be the the settlers remote from industrial cencourse in office of a man whose claims tres think in mirages. Their repreare pressed on such grounds, especially sentative, who lives in that crowded aside Mr. Wilson could not hope to obhis course in an office which is going mart of trade Colorado (population tain the support of the Bryan Demohis course in an office which is going mart of trade Colorado (population to need all the appeal that its occupant 1,600), is not exempt. From this crats." What! Are the roots of and profit sharing for the benefit of its can make to general banking and busi-coign of advantage Mr. SMITH, survey-ideal fealty planted in the rank soil of ness confidence if the Federal reserve ing the business of the country, sees expediency? Why, this is the language act is to accomplish beneficial results? | many nebulous inversions and distorted of the market place! The money devil Perhaps if President Wilson should images, also horrid phantasmagorias in himself could shoot forth no more shortly send in to the Senate appoint which every corporation is an octopus stinging flames than these. ments for some or all of the remaining and its officers are goblins damned. places on the Federal Reserve Board What wonder is it that he demands

At the same time the appoint- Do it now, says SMITH. We be-Paso may be honestly doubted.

#### Huerta's Financial Difficulties.

The announcement that the Governnent of President HUERTA will suspend payment on the Mexican internal and fact alone will work against the de- foreign debts is worse news than a revelopment of sentiment necessary to the verse in battle, but it was not unexmoney to maintain himself, and the diversion of interest due to foreign and domestic bondholders is one way of getway, however.

may be seen in his efforts to prevent ceed temporarily, but whenever there is a profit to be made gold will leave the country unless it is confiscated. In natural resources Mexico is enormously nomination of the Comptroller, one of the rich, but the dictator cannot make leaders, PRENDERGAST declares, remarked, good his boast to pay his armies and the day. carry on the Government by abnormal nearer to bankruptcy and impotence.

McLean pleaded guilty yesterday to a financial troubles to the Administration Republican commentator misdemeanor, he as treasurer of the at Washington. The policy of non-Democratic State Committee having ac- recognition contemplated the pass to which he has come. It is a situation tion, was enacted after the insurance to be regarded not altogether with investigation, at which the extent to complacency, for it brings a crisis which party canvasses were financed nearer, presumably the collapse of the by corporations was revealed. How provisional Government, the consequences of which might precipitate the intervention Mr. Wilson has been trying to avoid. No one can tell what would be the results of a breakdown of the system of law and order which the Huerta regime represents. When faith. In ten years such gifts were Possisto Diaz retired an organized Government was turned over to the adderents of FRANCISCO MADERO in accordance with the prevailing sentiment of the country, but conditions are not the

could not be replenished from any quarter it would be foolishly optimistic to assume that the success of the Wilson policy was assured. More likely there would be breakers ahead.

# Pardons Not for Sale.

consideration of Tolman's releasing 20,000 or any number of debtors from their obligations, legal or illegal, logic ciates appeared yesterday before the would compel him to set free any other House Committee on Rivers and Har-convict who could offer a correspond-Comptroller of the Currency should bors to urge the appropriation of an ing payment for elemency. The emadequate sum for the improvement and bezzler who wrecked a savings bank. the trustee who robbed his ward, the cashier who defrauded his employer;

Because of this the refusal of the Governor to liberate Tolman is to be value, a thing that involves a considerable credulity. TolMAN remains where he belongs.

# The Hon, DAN V. STEPHENS of Ne-

braska has asserted his belief in the unseen world of political spirits, particularly the evil variety. He goes so far as to accept the doctrine that the spooks are "organized." Let us quote Mr. STEPHENS as reported in a Washington despatch yesterday:

"It would appear that there was some secret influence working against Mr. BRYAN. In fact, there seems to have been an organized campaign against him."

When posterity comes to write the credit must be given to the Hon. ALBERT JEREMIAH BEVERIDGE as the first of the modern prophets to expose and reveal "the invisible government." While Waco HENRY of Texas and other

philosopher than poet. He sees "the board.

merger in Washington would certainly upon business, big or little. He has of the Bryan Democrata. I should say, in

view of the many efforts that have been made to cause trouble between these two men, the wonder is that the interests have not succeeded in their purpose. One of the causes of my great confidence in Mr. Wilson is the fact that he has not been is a really great man.

With not the least wish to question Mr. STEPHENS'S test for true greatness, plain regard and admiration in terms of barter. "If Mr. BBYAN were set

Bradstreet's for January 17 in summarizing the bank failures for 1913 will point out that eighty banks closed their doors in that year, with liabilities of \$62,474,453 and assets of \$45,081,174. In number of failures there was an increase of 66 per cent. over 1912.—News item.

Will the Hon, WILLIAM ROBERT SMITH that "in reality there is no harmful disturbance of business"? And may we repeat for his benefit seven recent words trollership. If he is eligible for the for marking time and awaiting the by ex-Senator FORAKER: "War on business is war on ourselves"? It might memorize that sentence, though

#### Democrats after post office jobs .-- Head-

Will this information lead Peoria to agencies? By the way where is PIN-A cable despatch reports four-DELL? teen feet of snow in St. Petersburg.

I read with a great deal of interest the stories of the men whom I am going to appoint.—Mayor MITCHEL.

So do they, only remember that they ing the bulletin board with famished How desperate is HUERTA's plight eyes. Yet, even so, a prune is better

"To hell with the Comptroller." -News of

This is incredible. Such language by taxation. Every shift brings him any Christian soldier fresh from Armageddon is inexpressibly shocking and President HUERTA may charge his quite beyond belief. The whole passage reads like an interpolation by a

> The French airman Pourpe to-day completed a flight from Cairo to Khartum, covering the distance of about 320 miles at the rate of seventy-five miles an hour,

The French aviator flew from Cairo to Khartum in less than five hours. From Wadl Halfa, which is more than half the distance to Khartum, it took Lord Wolseley's expedition about three months to arrive within two days march of that place to relieve Gordon. In his diary on December 14, 1885, about six weeks earlier, he wrote that a force of 200 men could save him. Gordon was killed only forty-eight hours before General Sir CHARLES WILSON reached Khartum with a flying column. these days an aviation corps attached to an army like Wolseler's would be the means of relieving an administrator in Gordon's position by the celerity with which it would prepare the way for the advance of an expeditionary force.

George FORTESCUE, who died vester day, had delighted more than one generation by his amusing imitation of a woman in the burlesque of "Evange line"; for Mr. FORTESCUE was a comedian who took the older view of the woman by a man. It was carlcature, not slavish mimicry, that was remarkable at the first show when there was a great automobile show a mimicry, that was remarkable at the first show when there was a great automobile show and the show in the show with an equally large overflow in the armory across the street. It was the show where was a speat automobile show in the mimicry, that was remarkable at the show where was a great automobile show in the armory across the street. It was the show where was a great automobile show in the armory across the street. It was the show where was a great automobile show in the armory across the street. It was the show where was a great automobile show in the armory across the street. It was the show where was a great automobile show in the armory across the street. It was the show where was a great automobile show in the armory across the street. It was the show where was a great automobile show in the armory across the street. It was the show where was a great automobile show in the armory across the street. It was the show where was a great automobile show in the armory across the street. It was the show where was a great automobile show in the armory across the street. It was the show where was a great automobile show in the armory across the street. TOLMAN, the imprisoned loan shark, in not slavish mimicry, that was re CHECKER GOODWIN and E. E. RICE. In the beginning no less famous persons than NAT GOODWIN, who played the attorney, Henry E. Dixey, who danced as part of the helfer, W. H. Crane and torse engaged in the most popular of American burlesques. "Evangeline" was acted for years. Some of its actors passed into other spheres. Fortescue. all would properly demand pardons it they could make restitution, and it would require hair splitting of the most impersonator of the comic woman; and it was only the final failure of the public in its loyalty to this play that led for not turning them loose.

Fred Wadsworth, the great look of Detroit, and myself had been looking through the aerial exhibit and were loung-impersonator of the comic woman; and it was only the final failure of the public in its loyalty to this play that led him to devote a few of his closing years. to other parts, in which his broad humor and sense of good nature were always applauded; the offer made in Toi- effective, even if less characteristic than in the Detroit style; MAN's behalf being taken at its face in the role with which his stage career was identified.

#### Where Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis Mct.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: It is well to study history and to record historical emblems. But the effort to record where Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis met in the Black Hawk war is entirely too far

To the Forton of The Sun-Sir: Vice-President Marshall is quoted as saying in a church: "I sometimes think that perhaps we are in danger of thinking too What is the widest width of narrow gauge

Tauge thinking that the Vice-President deems safe? Talbot Penny. New York, January 13.

## New Cars Wanted on the B. R. T. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: What is the B. R. T.'s excuse for compelling the submissive Brooklynite to ride in trains that

threaten to fall spart through every foot of I understand that it is beyond reason to expect steel cars on the "L" if the old structures would hold them—but there surely can be no excuse for using cars with plain board floors and not the slightest mblance of metal in their construction these relics of the early days of railroading ere placed in service in Brooklyn, particu-

on the Lexington avenue road. Every time you step into one of these cars you experience a creepy feeling, for if there BROOKLYN, January 13.

On the Propagation of Genius. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: only one real fuel to genius, namely, will If to it could be added a total abstinen-

fom daytime dreaming, a good "book keep ng" of natural thought, and above all perfect interpretation of the "age quod agis, genius in our days might become less raris HENRI DE LAFITOLE. NEW YORK, January 12.

Will His Philosophy Produce Ruin to Less Wonderworking Manufacturers? To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: A wave of enthusiasm has swept over the country as a result of the Ford Motor Company's announcement of the creation of a higher wage and profit sharing system. That wave has been swollen by flood of hysteria already inundating

It is most gratifying at this time to see that THE SUN is able to lift its head above the tide and call attention to our possible and as some of us believe prob-

The Ford Company's diversion of \$10,employees is supposed to equal about one-half its last year's net profits of upward of \$20,000,000. Assuming that the busiof \$20,000,000. Assuming that the business does not decline during the coming year, then there will still be \$10,000,000 in net profits available for dividends, or 500 per cent, on the Ford Company's capital-

ization of \$2,000,000. Ford and the other stockholders Mr. Ford and the other stockholders of that company may well stand this, but what about the entrepreneurs and stock-holders of many smaller businesses which are not such industrial wonders of the world as the Ford Company? What will be the effect of the Ford action upon

Take, for example, the case of a busiestly capitalized (such phenomena exist, current public opinion to the con-trary notwithstanding) at \$1,000,000, and on a gross annual income of \$5,000,000 producing net profits of \$200,000. This company is already paying to each of its man a day, leaving the wages still student for the fatuous purpose of satisfying that obsolete the Ford wage scale, with no "profits" added, would mean an increased annual wage cost of \$312,000! This would not only wipe out all profits for the entire the fatuous purpose of satisfying that obsolete thing conscience.

Had the man been born of parents would not only wipe out all profits for the entire the fatuous purpose of satisfying that obsolete thing conscience. ompany well on the road to bankruptcy to deter the men from making a demand a very substantial increase

The eyes of the laboring men of the country are fastened upon what is going on in Detroit. Mr. Gompers yesterday observed that the Ford plan "will demonstrate its justice as well as its econom; and sense. It will give an impetus to workers in the automobile industry to endeavor to get higher wages, better conditions and an eight hour working day."
This is but another demonstration of that which experience has shown, namely, that labor in a given industry always demands the most that is received by others in the meeting of Progressive leaders in Brook-lyn. A course of action was then decided upon, and when it was suggested that this course would be prejudicial to the re-proprietable of the Cambriller one of the "minimum wage" legislation is but another manifestation of the same spirit other manifestation of the same spirit not only by "labor" but also by those who in their hysteria and ignorance believe that legislative enactment can transcend tie laws.

The inevitable result of the act which Mr. Redfield has characterized as "epochal" be to produce widespread discon-This discontent will, of course, as foreshadowed by Mr. Gompers, itself in a demand for higher wages, not only in the automobile industry but in every other industry. The demand will not take into account the conditions of a not take into account the conditions particular business, as yesterday suggested by Mr. Mitchell, but will concern itself only with what is desired. If the demand cannot be acceded to because of the conditions of competition in the cases of businesses less profitable than the Ford Company's, those businesses more than ever be harassed by h If it is acceded to, the rui seems not only economic cally probable, but mathematically de-monstrable. LLOYD M. HOWELL. NEW YORK, January 12.

### Mr. Ford Raised a Ruction.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Henry Ford's generous "good will" gift to his employees has raised a ruction in he labor union camp.
Gompers, Mitchell, Haywood, Lizzi Gurley Flinn, Mother Jones and

ng on the poor laborer must get a nack" at some of that dough. Whisper: We'll hear from the gang Watter. Whisper!

New York, January 12.

# Mr. Ford as a Prophet.

To the Editor of The Sun—sir: The nterview with Mr. Henry Ford printed in this morning's Sun recalls an intera lesting incident of six or eight years

Wadsworth! What do you think of the how?" The reply was: "Great."

Here the visitor was introduced to me

"Mr. Ford, shake hands with Horace Fletcher" The handshake was perfunc

tery, for the Detroit shaker had more important things on his mind, and he expressed them in very dramatic manner.

"Have you seen the air craft exhibit?"
"We have." "What do you think of it?" Funny, isn't it?" Not so funny as you think. You re-

there were but two automobiles shown, mine was one of them; and there were not ten not one of them.

New York, January 13.

How Much Should We Be Permitted to Cogitate?

To The Permitted To T men in the United States who could run a

when Ford rushed off to repeat his proph-ecy to the next man he met whom he knew, which was the burden of his activity at the moment, but as Wadsworth is pretty live wire business optimist himself he probably said: "What Ford says seems absurd, but if Ford says it, it is a safe betting proposition."

HORACE FLETCHER. NEW YORK, January 11.

# As a Promoter of Population.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: If the Ford plan were to be generally adopted the result would be that everybody would rush off to get married, the population would increase by leaps and bounds and in a short time we would be worse off than ever. It should be always we cannot eat gold. What is most urgently country to-day-every market in the land cries out for him—is a reformer who will induce people to flock out from the cities MALTHUSIAN. NEW YORK, January 13.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir:

mployers cannot possibly afford any such

labor not governed, like everything Can such a purely artificial increase of purposes."

THE "EPOCHAL" MR. FORD. | wages be construed as anything else than U. S. FAR FROM READY Messrs. Redfield and Mitchell hall it

with joy as an act of "social justice."
We have heard a lot about "social justice" and it is well that at last we know just what this phrase means.
The one fact that stands out is that this corporation has been charging the public an exorbitant profit on its output. Of course the idea of reducing the charge to the public has never entered the wise minds of the political economists who manage the corporation.

NEW YORK, January 11.

NEW YORK, January 11. THE SOCIOLOGICAL CATECHISM A Symposium on Obsolete Things, Includ-

ing the Dode. To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: On the front page of the Sun of this morn-ing I notice an item about a certain James Conklin, elevator starter, who for the last sixteen years has worked and saved for the purpose of paying debts contracted in his youth while engaged in the ancient pursuit of "sowing his wild oats." The item says that "his conscience set him the task." How benightedly ignorant this per-son has shown himself to be in failing utterly to comprehend our modern way of understanding such social questions as the one he was confronted with. To think that in this day and generation

are wholly due to circumstances a wicked schemes of others, and not at all wicked schemes or others, and not ac an of his own doing. Let him study the cate-chism of up to date sociology and criminology, with particular reference to the doctrine of personal irresponsibility. To think of it! Sixteen long years and an un-

annual wage cost of \$312,000! This would vouched for by the eugenic experts, with not only wipe out all profits for the entrepreneurs and stockholders but put the refunded, he might be justified in feeling pany well on the road to bankruptey, in the face of the "epachal" act of Ford Company, would this be likely familiar hit or miss fashion totally solves him from responsibility for his fate. Such a case as this man's is discouraging at best to our social reformers.

But they should not wholly lose heart "Hope on, hope ever," being their motto they will without doubt persist in their beneficent efforts until such individuals as this man with a conscience have become as extinct as the dodo.

UPLIFT. BROOKLYN, January 10.

THE FORM OF PITCHERS. One Explanation of Their Tendency Drip at the Lip.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: letter of "Pourer" in THE SUN a few days ago in regard to the form of pitchers and the tendency to drip at the lip calls to mind that some few years ago Professor mind that some few years ago Professor Bjerregard, librarian of the New York Public Library, called my attention to a book of his entitled, "Sufi Interpretations of the Quatrains of Omar Khayyam and Edward FitzGerald.

In interpreting quatrains xxxvii. and xxxviii. Professor Bjerregard quotes from Sufi Attar the following beautiful story, which may assist "Pourer" his difficulty concerning the shape pitchers. I quote: One day the prophet on a river bank,

Dipping his lips into the channel, drank A draught as sweet as honey. Then there

Drew up, and drank: and after some short Leaving his earthen Bowl. In which, anew And drank from: but the Water that came up

the cup. At which the Prophet in a still Surprise For Answer turning up to Heav'n his Eyes The Vessel's earthen Lips with answer ran: The Clay that I am made of, once was Man Who dying, and resolved into the same Obligated Earth from which he came. Through long Vicissitude of Bowl and Urn: 3ut howsoever moulded, still the Pain Of that first mortal Anguish would retain,

And cast and recast for a thousand years Would turn the sweetest Water into Tears. Who knows but the drippings from the pitcher's lip "Pourer" complains of may be tears, to quench the fire of anguish in some eye, there hidden far beneath—and So deal gently with your

# Harsh Remarks About I plifters.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It is interesting to observe that those who

of great wealth. It is a fine game so long as it lasts, but sooner or later, to their own cost, they wil learn that the mania for uplift is a transient phase of an overheated civiliza-tion, and that the ability to drink spirits and beer is vouchsafed only to those who are fortunate enough to have had a moderately dissipated ancestry.

ALBERT R. GALLATIN. NEW YORK, January 13.

#### Haif a Million Minutes Saved. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Through my window I watch 500,000 men,

women and children pass the building in which I have my office every day.

When the air is balmy and warm they take four minutes, on the average, to pass from the farthest visible points.
On a day like to-day they hurry along and make the trip in an average of three

Thus the cold weather saves these persons 500,000 minutes, or 8,333 + days What becomes of all this time?

L. O. AFER. NEW YORK, January 13.

The Holy Thorn. . TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I think he authorities of Trinity Church ought to Trinity churchyard. Thorn in noticed the other day that the end of o

from what cause of course I cannot say

NEW YORK. January 13. ANTI-VANDAL.

# The Last Wet Word.

To the Editor of The Sus-Sir: The "wes contest should not die with extract from the Literary Digest of January "This causes the party to forget his watch

and chain, the number of the house where he lives and his wife's first name. He is then in the state for which the vulgar hav a variety of picturesque names. The scien-tist calls it 'alcoholic inhibition.' " MANCHESTER, N. H., January 13, R. P. J.

#### Day of the Stately Minnet. From the London Chronicle. We are promised a revival of the statel

minuet. But consider well the responsibili-

ties of that dance. Thus, for instance, Mr Austen Leigh on the eighteenth century Ford Motor Company has increased the minuet: "It was not every one who felt wages of its employees, not because they qualified to make this public exhibition, and were underpaid but just for the reason those ladies who intended to dance minuets qualified to make this public exhibition, and those ladies who intended to dance minuets that the money was lying around loose and they did not know what else to do a particular kind of lappet on their headwith it.

used to distinguish themselves by wearing a particular kind of lappet on their headwith it. This increase may be all very well for proof of the respect in which this dance was those particular individuals, but how will held. Gloves immaculately clean were con it affect that army of individuals whose sidered requisite for its due performance while gloves a little soiled were thought good enough for a country dance, and ac cordingly some prudent ladies provide

# FOR WAR, SAYS WOOD

Not Enough Shells for One Big Engagement, He Asserts in Annual Report.

NEEDED TROOPS LACKING

Favors New Reserve Law and Would Teach Boys and Citizens to Shoot.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 .- The United States army reenforced with the ent militia forces of the States has neiththe officers, men, field guns nor artillery ammunition which would be required in the first few weeks of a war with any first class power, says Major-Gen. Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff, in his annual report made public here to-day.

Gen. Wood holds that a reserve of trained men available for duty with the United States forces in the event of war is the chief need in connection with the maintenance of military defences. Next in importance he places the urgent need for more field artillery to bring this arm of the service up to the minimum amount required in proportion to the number of other troops. There is hardly enough artillery ammunition in the United States to supply the existing batteries with enough shells for one big engagement.

Gen. Wood recommends the creation of sufficient additional regiments to permit the organization of three complete infantry divisions, or one field army. He also favors legislation providing for the elimination from the service of all officers who have either outlived their efficiency or who have falled to make themselves

Encouragement of rifle practice among civilians and school boys, expansion of army camps for college students, established experimentally last summer: more strict supervision of State militia organireceiving Federal land funds conform the letter and spirit of the law in the matter of military instruction and drill among their students are among other recommendations. This report is Wood's last one, as he is to as Chief of Staff next April.

### Small Force Available to Call.

Gen. Wood says that the mobile are is so small as to provide only 6 per cent of the force required in a conflict with a first class nation. The militia forces number about 19 per cent, of the total force required, bringing the entire trained force available at a call to arms to on 25 per cent. of that required at the out

Seventy-five per cent., therefore, of the forces required at the beginning of a wa-would have to be made up of volunteers -untrained men, whom military experts been spent whipping them into

"To fill up organizations to full statu tory strength with uninstructed says Gen. Wood, "would be to destribute their efficiency; to fail to fill the up would be to leave them so small the they would have relatively little now losses of the first months must be ma-up from the same class of men. The can be done only through a reserve.

"Legislation should be had so as to g an enlistment which will permit a man'transfer to the reserve after a year's ser vice provided he is a well trained soldie as determined by his company and pos commanders. A soldier so transferr would serve the balance of his enlistme period in the status of a soldier on fur lough without pay, but under the obligato come to the colors in case of wa and for instruction at manœuvres deemed advisable, for not to exceed

to ten days every other year. "Whatever system adopted, it should provide ultimately fo and one-half times the service with

pay that we can secure a reserve unde conditions as to cost which will give ten reservists for the cost of one with the colors.

Reserves Needed to Be Prepared "One thing is absolutely certain, an reserve if we are to consider ourselve-

Of the shortage in field artillery, gun and ammunition, Gen. Wood says "The existing shortage constitutes serious menace to the public safety i case of war. Once hostilities have begu with a first class power there will be opportunity to purchase abroad nor manufacture at home. Even with a

in any way properly prepared for a po-

available plants in the country running to maximum capacity so much dela-would ensue as to be fatal to our hope of a successful campaign."

Gen. Wood recommends for the field artillery an increase of twelve battallors. in five yearly increments; the organiz-tion of the ammunition service, the a propriation of moneys sufficient to provide ammunition for existing guns, legislation to furnish the desired office and trained personnel for the mobiliz tion of the field artillery in war.

The maintenance of regiments abroa at full strength with a maximum of 23 at full strength with a maximum of 2 men to a company is recommended all. This would result in an economy of 8 200,000 in administrative expenses, says, if carried out with respect to every regiment on foreign service by keeps the total number of men the same. reducing the number of regiments. Gen Wood says that the partment should not keep any man foreign service for more than six ye continuously, as longer service results a degree of disability most expensive

WILSON INDORSES CAMP PLAYS

#### Believes Students Will Gain Useful Military Knowledge.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Strong indement of the War Department's plans summer military camps for college "I believe the students attending lege camps will derive not only a gradeal of benefit from the healthful o air life, but also from the discip

habits of regularity and the knowledg experience in camp will give "The camps will also tend to seminate sound information concern of the Government in military matters, in siderable amount of practical military struction, which would be useful to t

in case their services should ever be quired."
Camps will be held next summer Burlington, Vt.; in Virginia or Nor Carolina; at the Presidio, Monterey, Ca

college students will attend the cami else, by the law of supply and demand?, themselves with two pairs for their several which will continue for about four weeks